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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated January 20, 2006. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

The enclosed amendments to the description correct minor typographical errors that have come to light while reviewing the specification.

Applicant submitted a preliminary amendment dated July 11, 2005 including amendments to the specification. However, due to a typographical error the Applicant incorrectly requested page 13 to be amended (at lines 22-26) instead of page 12. The correct page and line numbers are now included in the amendments to the description.

The amendments do not add any new matter.

35 U.S.C. §103 - Claims 1 to 3

Claims 1 to 3 stand rejected as obvious in light of US 6,749,298 to Schalk et al in view of US 6,588,952 to Silverbrook et al. The Applicant disagrees.

The printer cradle of the present invention is configured to operate with a printer cartridge that has a printhead and an auxiliary member. The transmission assembly on the cradle selectively engages and drives the auxiliary member so that the auxiliary member is removable and replaceable together with the cartridge. This means that the consumable cartridge does not need to include drive mechanisms thereby reducing the complexity and unit cost of each cartridge. However, the auxiliary member can act as a capper to preserve the printhead regardless of whether the cartridge is inserted or not.

In '298, the media transport assembly is permanently mounted within the printer housing. The cartridge only has the printhead assembly 12 and the ink supply assembly 14 (see col. 2,

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ll. 50-52). Likewise, '952 permanently mounts the printhead and the capper within the electronic device.

Neither of the citations teach a transmission assembly that can engage and drive the auxiliary member of a replaceable cartridge. As the combined disclosures of '298 and '952 do not anticipate all the elements of claim 1, the cited references fail to support a §103 rejection. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are likewise not obvious to the ordinary worker in this field.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejection has been successfully traversed and the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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